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## 'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

**Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.**

Judge Evans is said to have served on the circuit court bench longer than any other man in the state, having so served more than 20 years.

A Jefferson City resident has hair cut so seldom that when he does the incident is a news item of front page importance for the Capital News.

Mrs. Amanda McCormick who lives in Dexter was recently scalded quite painfully when dressing a chicken. She fell with a kettle of boiling water.

A farmer down in Pemisoot county last week sold four hogs that weighed 1,142 pounds for which he received 8 1-2 cents per pound, netting him \$97.15.

At a single shearing recently a Nodaway county sheep yielded its owner twenty-two pounds of wool, which at the present market is worth something like \$6.50.

A storyavoring of a nature fake comes out of the correspondence in the Rockville Booster. A neighbor has caught a young wolf and is training it as a sheep dog.

The new company, to be known as Company B, Fourth Regiment National Guards of Missouri, was mustered in at Mound City, May 20, with three officers and 64 men.

Told that he talked like Lincoln, a Fulton minister was greatly pleased, but when the admirer added that he also looked like him, the preacher looked a little worried.

Things are very quiet in Ozark just now, says the Democrat, noting that it has been at least two weeks since there was any suggestion of voting bonds for something or other.

Friends of a Lowery City auctioneer marveled when they understood him to say, "This is a seven-dollar-and-a-half hat." What he said was, "This is a 7, dollar-and-a-half hat."

A Gallsion woman confined to her home by illness heard by telephone the commencement exercises at which her daughter, who was graduated, was on the program for a musical number.

Wm. Kidd, of Charleston, a brakeman for the Iron Mountain railroad was thrown off the top of a box car at Dexter while doing some switching. He alighted on his feet, broke his left leg at the ankle.

At Plattsburg a plain citizen promised the sheriff a good "licking" if the officer would only discard his pistol. The accommodating sheriff accepted, apparently in good faith, but did not get his whipping.

J. W. Todd, 70 years old, postmaster at Gibson has been arrested on the charge of shortage in his accounts. He claims the shortage occurred while he was ill at his home unable to look after the business.

Mrs. Arthur Sprinkles has got a full settlement from the Missouri Public Utilities Co., for \$6500, the amount of the recent verdict in her favor by the circuit court of this county. This is for the death of her husband on Thanksgiving day, 1913.—Dexter Statesman.

Mistaking a bottle of throat wash for something else, two Lamar men drank it and had the scare of their lives. Emergency treatment soon placed them out of danger, but "Safety First" will be their motto for some time to come.

One hundred and seven hogheads of Missouri tobacco were shipped recently from Weston by Louisville buyers who are executing a commission for one of the warring nations. The tobacco will be sent to soldiers in the trenches.

Just as if it were not warm enough for him already, a Carrollton police character, detained for drunkenness, set fire to the jail. Smoke had a sobering effect and when he was rescued he almost as well cured as a country ham.

J. L. Hoover, Democratic candidate for the office of sheriff of Atchison county, resigned his position as guard in the state penitentiary and arrived in Rock Port on Tuesday evening to conduct his campaign.

At the special election May 23, Cape Girardeau voters authorized a bond issue of \$15,000 for the purpose of getting adequate fire fighting apparatus. The vote stood 595 to 278, there being nineteen more votes than the required two-thirds' majority.

There are three ex-sheriffs of Platte county living in Clay county: Joe Elgin and R. W. Pack of Excelsior Springs and Captain Oscar Berry of Nashua. Judge H. D. Miller, of the present Clay county court, was formerly a member of the county court, Platte—Liberty Advance.

The postoffice building at New Cambria was broken into Thursday morning by yeggs, and the safe belonging to Postmaster R. L. Goodson was blown open with a discharge of nitroglycerine. The robbers succeeded in getting cash and stamps amounting to \$167.54.

W. A. Rankin, who recently gave Missouri Wesleyan college a twenty-five thousand dollar endowment fund, died last night in a Chicago hospital, where he had been for treatment. Burial will be at his old home at Onarga, Ill. Dr. DeBra will leave this evening to attend the funeral.—Cameron News.

Port Rickabaugh and wife drove into town Monday behind a team of oxen, the first team the editor ever saw used for transportation purposes. Mr. Rickabaugh has been using the team since they were small calves and they respond readily to the orders "gee," "haw," like veterans.—Sheridan Advance.

It will interest many of our readers to know that the Mississippi River, while passing on its way to the Gulf, has a drop of over 300 feet. The highest river point in Missouri is found in Dumas, Clark county, which has an altitude of 558 feet above mean sea level. The lowest elevation is found at the place where the Father of Waters crosses the state border in Pemisoot county at an elevation of 225 feet.

At the city election held here last Friday the proposition to levy 38 cents on the hundred dollar valuation for street light tax was defeated by a small majority, and we are informed that the lights on the streets will be turned off Thursday night.—Edgerton Journal.

That Cole county is spending about \$50,000 a year for good roads will be news to the average citizen there, says the Capital News, which adds that "the amount is dribbled out in such small quantities that it is hard to tell at just what particular points it is used."

Monday was "Snake Day" in and about Cape Girardeau, and Elmer Meyer, a farmer living near there shot ten reptiles and allowed an equal number to escape. To add to the day's excitement, a liveryman found an alligator in one of the box stalls of his barn and appointed himself its executioner.

How they got news in Neosho fifty years ago was the topic of a speaker before a recent meeting of the Ad club there. It was the custom then, he said, for a good reader to perch himself on the horse block in front of a store and read aloud one of the two or three daily newspapers that then came to Neosho subscribers.

A woman of 88 with six children, who had not had a death in her immediate family since her husband died fifty-five years ago, celebrated her birthday at the home of her daughter in Skidmore, Monday. She is Mrs. Martha E. Cameron, a woman of remarkable strength and activity.

That the present war will last for seven years was the prophecy of a minister who lectured at Maryville the other afternoon. After a short period for recuperation, he says, the war will be resumed and continue seven years more. The prophet also hinted that the millennium was not far distant.

A gray slab of granite costing \$1,250 was erected last week over the grave of the late Horace Jones in the cemetery at Parnell. It took three teams of horses to draw the wagon bearing the base of the monument from the station at Parnell to the cemetery. The monument was shipped from the New Hampshire quarries.

Gifford Bennett, while speeding on a motorcycle about six miles from Sheridan, was thrown from the cycle with such force that his neck was broken. He died in a few minutes. The accident occurred in front of the Russell home. Persons at the Russell home saw the accident, but no one was close enough at the time of the accident to know the cause. Bennett was 17 years old and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Straight.

"Who stole the overdrafts?" may still be a puzzling question to a south Missouri bank president, who after looking over the affairs of his institution, sent for a representative from the examiner's office. "When I was elected president of the bank, according to the books, the overdrafts were about \$800. Yes, sir! Well, I was in there yesterday looking over the books and they showed only a little more than \$200. What's become of that \$600?" The Golden City Herald got the story from a member of the state banking department, who says the bank is not very far from Golden City.

The board of education of Poplar Bluff was compelled to reduce its teachers' pay roll \$2,000 per annum on account of a shortage of funds; and as a result lost the services of several competent teachers.

Lightning struck the barn of S. O. Sawtell on his farm, one mile east of Sikeston, during the storm of Monday night, and wrecked one corner of the building. A very valuable horse was killed. The animal had been recently brought here from Mr. Sawtell's former home in Wisconsin.—Sikeston Herald.

Col. Hood who is superintending the construction of our new courthouse and jail, for the Interstate Building and Construction Co., tells us that the work will be pushed rapidly, and we confidently expect that both buildings will be completed and ready for use this fall. The buildings will not be the largest and best in Missouri, but will be handsome and afford ample room for many years to come.

Pinning his faith to fortune tellers, a former missouri postmaster now serving time in the Cole county jail, sends to clairvoyants every spare quarter he gets hold of trying to get a satisfactory answer to the question, "When will I get out?" So far the answers have been a bit vague, but the turnkeys tell him he'll be out in about another month.

Recently, while Halleck Wilson, marshal at Ilmo, was attempting to arrest a negro suspected of stealing, the man attacked him, knocked him down, beat him up and out him with a knife. The officer managed to draw a pistol and shot the thug three times. Even then it took the efforts of two men who had been attracted to the scene by the shots to loosen the negro's arms before Wilson could get up. It is said that this is the fifth man that Wilson has killed.

A pet cat bit the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fisher, Wednesday evening, while the child was caressing it and left an ugly wound on her hand and arm. The father went out into the yard to shoot the cat as it sat in the grass and it sprang madly at him and bit him on the leg, after which he killed it. The head was cut off and sent away for examination on the supposition that the animal had rabies. The child is being treated and developments are very anxiously awaited.—Portageville Missourian.

## New Minor Coins.

Dimes, quarters and half dollars of new design will be minted after July 1st, according to an announcement of Secretary McAdoo under date of May 30. For the first time since 1891 a change will be effected in these pieces.

The announcement disclosed that the half dollar has practically fallen into disuse.

The new design was selected with hope of restoring it into more general circulation, it was indicated. Under the new coinage each piece will be of different design. The half dollar and dime models were made by Adolph A. Wienman and the quarter dollar by Herman A. MacNeil. Both are sculptors of note.

The face of the new half dollar bears a full-length figure of liberty with a background of the American flag flying to the breeze. The goddess is striding forward to the dawn of a new day, carrying laurel and oak branches,

symbolic of civil and military glory.

The reverse side shows an eagle perched high upon a mountain crag, wings unfolded. Growing from a rift in the rock is a sapling of mountain pine, symbolic of America.

The design of the 25-cent piece is intended to typify the awakening of the country to its own protection, Secretary McAdoo's announcement stated.

Liberty, a full-length figure, is shown stepping toward the country's gateway, bearing upraised a shield, from which the covering is being drawn. The right hand bears an olive branch of peace. Above the head is the word "Liberty" and below the feet "1916." The reverse bears a figure of an eagle in full flight, wings extended, and the inscriptions "United States of America" and "E Pluribus Unum." Both the half dollar and the quarter bear the phrase "In God We Trust."

The design of the dime is simple. Liberty with a winged cap is shown on the fore side and on the reverse is a design of a bundle of rods and a battle ax, symbolical of unity "wherein lies the nation's strength."

## Clover Bloat.

Dr. D. F. Luckey, State Veterinarian, has issued a statement from the office of the Missouri Board of Agriculture in which he says the recent losses of cattle from bloating, while on clover pasture, have been quite extensive. The weather has been favorable for rank growth of all kinds of clover. The white variety seems to be responsible for the most of the trouble.

The danger is particularly great on damp, cool days when the clovers are fresh and palatable. Cattle are very apt to overeat. The rumen (or paunch) becomes over-loaded and the fermenting mass causes a rapid generation of gas.

The symptoms usually come on in a very short time. A cow may be in a dangerous condition within a half hour after eating heartily of the white or other clovers. Frequently, the bloating is so intense as to produce death before any treatment can be given. The rumen becomes so distended with gas as to press forward on the lungs and make it impossible for the beast to inhale air, literally smothering to death.

The principal thing to do by way of prevention is to keep cattle off of rank clover pastures, especially early in the morning, after showers, or during damp, cool days. Such pastures must be used with great care at any time. It has been claimed that feeding dry wheat straw, or cured hay of any kind, will tend to prevent bloating when cattle are turned on clover pastures. There is no question but what this will help some but it cannot be counted on as a sure preventive of bloating. Some dry feed should certainly be given when cattle are pastured upon a rank growth of clover. In addition to this, a liberal quantity of freshly burned charcoal should be kept before the cattle. Burn a lot of charcoal every two or three days, powder it and add a little salt and leave it where cattle may lick it at will. There is practically no danger of over-feeding on charcoal, and this will help a lot in preventing bloat. Bear in mind that in some cases bloating will occur even when cattle are kept off the clover until noon, and there is no absolute means

of prevention of bloat when cattle are permitted to graze on clover.

The curative treatment depends upon the condition of the animal when found. In many cases, the animal is already dead. In other cases it is in a condition to die in a few minutes, and treatment must be administered promptly. In acute cases, there is no time for giving medicines by the mouth. The only successful treatment is to puncture the rumen and let the gas out. Unless this is done promptly, death may result. The trochar is the proper thing to use. The trochar should be cleaned and disinfected, as should the hair and skin where it is to be inserted. Use the necessary force and drive the trochar into the rumen on the left side and at a place several inches forward and downward from the point of the hip where you find a drum-like condition. In many cases, the trochar will not be available and there will be no time for cleaning and disinfection. If the animal's life is to be saved, something must be done right away. In such an emergency do not hesitate to use a pocket knife, or even a butcher knife. Let the gas out or the cow will die. If these crude instruments are to be used, the opening should be quite large. Use the big blade of the pocket knife, and then cut the hole just a little larger so that the gas may escape freely. This operation is not particularly dangerous and should not be delayed when the life of the cow is in danger.

Balloon shooting will be classed among sporting events for the next week at Garden City, where a mercantile concern will release daily balloons to which are attached orders for merchandise. Local hunters have decided to bring down the prizes with shotguns.

## JOHN D. STANDS FOR A TOUCH?

**Grandson Will Take Care of Himself, Millionaire Thinks, Following Artistic Deal.**

Tarrytown, N. Y.—John D. Rockefeller was touched, and right in church, too. He attended the service at the Lyceum, Pocantico Hills, and so did his son and grandchildren.

After service young Winthrop, the second youngest, beckoned to his grandfather and said he had a little matter to adjust with him. When his grandfather reached his side and bent over to get the secret message Winthrop said:

"Grandpop, I've got a big kias for you."

Mr. Rockefeller was wise. He smiled, put his hand in his vest pocket and, digging out a new nickel, he handed it to his grandson. When the little fellow's fingers clasped the coin he put his arms around his grandfather's neck and gave him a smack.

"He'll take care of himself in this world," said Mr. Rockefeller, as he patted the boy's head approvingly.

## URNS HIDES INTO JAGS

**But a Barrel of Whisky on One Ranch Makes Trouble and Lid is Put On.**

Keystone, Kan.—Fulfilling his vow of early in the winter that he would spend the money received from the sale of hides of cattle that died on his ranch for whisky, a big ranchman living near here recently ordered a barrel of the joy producer.

The cowboys on the ranch and the ranchman had a glorious celebration. Indeed, they had plenty in the fund, when it is considered that fifty cattle were lost on the ranch and hides are worth about \$3 each.

A United States revenue collector figured it out that a whole barrel of whisky was worth tracing, and the antics of the celebrators became so conspicuous that the peace-loving people of the vicinity protested to District Judge Ruppenthal and the ban was placed on any more liquor shipments.